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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) There is at present no proposal to repair varies but the Public Works Department have decided to carry out certain repairs to the Vadakulam tank.

" (b) The estimate for repairs to the tank has been sanctioned under the Special Minor Irrigation Programme and the work will be taken up for execution shortly by the local officers, to whom the sanctioned estimate has been returned."

Criminal tribes in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1719 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the communities which were declared as criminal tribes in Tiruchirappalli district prior to 1947;

(b) the names of villages in Tiruchirappalli district where these communities live; and

(c) the criterion by which a particular community was declared a criminal tribe?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) A statement [a] giving the particulars is placed on the table of the House.

" (c) The criterion in the law then in force was that a tribe should be addicted to the systematic commission of non-bailable offences."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" I know for certain that Thennur Padayachis and Padayachis of Udayarpalayam taluk were included in the list of criminal tribes maintained by the Government. On a previous occasion, on the floor of this House the then Minister for Law stated so. May I know why the glaring omission is found in this list? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have given an exhaustive list. I do not think I can add to it now."

Yarn for Co-operative Weavers' Societies.

* 1720 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether yarn is supplied to the Co-operative Weavers' Societies through the Provincial Co-operative Society, Madras; and

(b) if so, at what rate 20s, 40s and 60s are sold to the societies?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) A statement [b] is placed on the table of the House."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix II on page 770 infra.**

[b] **Printed as Appendix III on page 771 infra.**

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SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" Since the price of yarn supplied to the primary societies from the Provincial Co-operative Society is higher than the price at which yarn is available in the local market, will the Government consider the question of allowing the primary societies to buy the yarn in the local market? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The prices of yarn are revised by the State Society as frequently as necessary, ordinarily once in a fortnight, to be on a par with the market price."

Harijan Welfare.

* 1722 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the expenditure incurred during the last three financial years on the various activities affecting Harijan Welfare.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

Pick-pocketing in Government bus.

* 1723 *Q.*—SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that on the complaint of one Sri Kuppuswamy Iyer for alleged pick-pocketing on 29th January 1955 in a bus from Mylapore to Customs House all the passengers in the bus were taken over to the Royapetta Police station and were searched by the Police?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Acting on the complaint of Sri Kuppuswamy Iyer that a Race Course Member's badge and an used envelope were missing from his shirt pocket, when he alighted from the bus at Royapetta bus stop, the bus was brought to the Royapetta Police station and a search was made for the stolen property inside the bus. The passengers co-operated with the Police and voluntarily alighted from the bus. The passengers were not searched but were only enquired."

Raja Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar Lying-in Hospital.

* 1724 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri A. Ratnam who gave notice of the question is not in his seat, the answer together with the question will be printed in the official proceedings. This applies to question No. 1726 also."

SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the average strength of in-patients last year in the Raja Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar Lying-in Hospital, Madras;

(*b*) the sanctioned bed-strength of maternity ward in the buildings constructed newly at Robinson Park for the Raja Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar Lying-in Hospital;

(*c*) the cost of construction of the new buildings; and

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 772 infra.